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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ : وَإِلَهُكُمْ إِلَهُ وَاحِدٌ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الرَّحْمَنُ  
الرَّحِيمُ ﴿١٦٣﴾<sup>1</sup>

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا  
عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ  
وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى  
اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ  
إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿١٠٢﴾<sup>2</sup>

Dear blessed Muslims,

I humbly call upon all of us to altogether strive in increasing our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by performing all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we be bestowed with happiness and success in this world and the Hereafter.

On this blessed day, I will be expounding on a *khutbah* titled "SELANGOR PRESERVES THE CREED OF AHL AS-SUNNAH WAL

<sup>1</sup> al-Baqarah 2:163

<sup>2</sup> Aal 'Imraan 3:102.



**JAMAA'AH.**" May Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* shower His Guidance and *Tawfeeq* so that our 'aqeedah (creed) firmly clings upon authentic 'aqeedah that is pleasing to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

**Dear blessed Friday audience,**

Nowadays, we are witnessing the spread of deviant teachings to the point of jeopardizing unity, the nation's harmony, and the purity of 'aqeedah. Threats upon 'aqeedah in various forms of heretical teachings and ideologies truly contradict the 'aqeedah of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah*.

Therefore, it behooves the scholars of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah* to explain the true 'aqeedah so that the sanctity of 'aqeedah brought by Rasulullah ﷺ and the generations after him will continue to be defended and safeguarded.

**Blessed Friday audience,**

*Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah* refers to the followers of the Prophet ﷺ and his Companions, and they form the majority within the Muslim *ummah* in every era.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 106 of soorah Aal 'Imraan:

يَوْمَ تَبْيَضُّ وُجُوهٌُ وَتَسْوَدُّ وُجُوهٌُ فَأَمَّا الَّذِينَ أَسْوَدَّتْ وُجُوهُهُمْ  
أَكْفَرْتُمْ بَعْدَ إِيمَانِكُمْ فَذُوقُوا الْعَذَابَ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَكْفُرُونَ ﴿١٠٦﴾

**"On the Day [some] faces will turn white and [some] faces will turn black. As for those whose faces turn black, [to them it will be said],**



**“Did you disbelieve after your belief? Then taste the punishment for what you used to reject.””**

Imaam ibn Katheer mentioned in his *tafseer* that white faces in this verse, as in the opinion of ibn ‘Abbaas *radiyAllaahu ‘anhuma*, refers to *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa‘ah*. While the faces that turn black are the people of *bid‘ah* (religious innovation) and those that are divided.

It is also the saved sect as opposed to the 72 deviant sects that will enter Hellfire.

In the *hadeeth* of ‘Abdullah in ‘Amr *radiyAllaahu ‘anhuma*: Rasulullah ﷺ said:

وَتَفْتَرِقُ أُمَّتِي عَلَى ثَلَاثٍ وَسَبْعِينَ مِلَّةً كُلُّهُمْ فِي النَّارِ إِلَّا  
مِلَّةً وَاحِدَةً قَالُوا: وَمَنْ هِيَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ؟ قَالَ: مَا أَنَا عَلَيْهِ  
وَأَصْحَابِي

**“And my ummah will split into seventy-three sects. All of them are in the Fire except one sect.” It was said: “And which is it, O Messenger of Allah?” He said: “What I am upon and my Companions.”**

(at-Tirmidhi)

**Esteemed Friday congregants,**

The ‘*aqeedah* of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa‘ah* according to the Asha‘irah and Maatureedi are the mainstream and it forms the majority of the Muslim *ummah* worldwide. The term Asha‘irah refers to the followers of Imaam Abu Hasan al-Ash‘ari who died in 324 Hijri. While the term Maatureedi refers to the followers of Imaam Abu Mansoor al-Maatureediy who died in



333 Hijri. Both of these theological schools became the main stronghold for the 'aqeedah of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal Jamaa'ah*, cleansing the influence of the Mu'tazilah from the Islamic state during the 'Abbassiyyah Caliphate.

Ibn Hajar al-Haythami stated:

*"They are the religious leaders, the leaders of the Muslim scholars. It is obligatory to adhere to them for they are among those that empower the Sharee'ah, explaining the ambiguities, clarifying the doubts, and rejecting doubts of the misguided. It is obligatory to follow them with their knowledge regarding the knowledge of knowing Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala in matters that are obligatory, impossible, and permissible."*

Imaam az-Zaabidi stated:

*"When (the term) Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah is mentioned, then what is meant by them are the Asha'irah and Maatureedi."*

### **Ennobled Friday audience,**

For many years, the coming of Islam to the Malay Archipelago is based upon the mainstream teaching and the majority of the Muslim *ummah*.

Such matter can be understood from the last will of Shaykh 'Abdullah Fahim, a prominent '*ulamaa*' (scholar) in the Malay Archipelago. He stated that for the past hundreds of years, the Malay Muslims in this land of all levels, whether the laymen, *qaadi* (judge), '*ulamaa*', minister, all the way to the sultan, all had firmly subscribed to the creed of Imaam Abu Hasan al-Ash'ari, adhering to the juristic *madhhab* (school of thought) of Imaam ash-Shaafi'i, and practicing *tasawwuf* (spirituality) according to the teachings of Imaam al-Ghazzaali.

Verily, the Muslims in Selangor have embraced this '*aqeedah* for so long. Their Royal Highnesses the Sultans of Selangor themselves have firmly



ascribed to the '*aqeedah of Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah*', in accordance with his position as the Head of Islam for the state, based on Articles 47 and 48 of the LAWS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF SELANGOR 1959.

Similarly, it has been proven with the '*aqeedah of As-hab Samaahah*' the Muftis of Selangor, beginning with the first Mufti, namely Shaykh al-Islam Tengku Mahmud Zuhdi and the Fatwa Committee having the role of advising the Sultan regarding Islamic laws. They were together along with the Muslims in defending and spreading this '*aqeedah*'.

In addition, al-Marhum Sultan Ala'eddin Suleiman Shah ibni al-Marhum Raja Muda Musa had authored the book "*Kitab Pohon Agama*" (The Tree of Religion) in explaining the meaning of *Arkaan al-Imaan* (Pillars of Faith) and *Sifat 20* (The 20 Attributes).

His Majesty had written and outlined the completeness of *imaan* for the Muslim individual, also emphasizing education and strengthening the '*aqeedah*' of the Muslims. He wrote, in the form of poetry [loosely translated]:

*The matter has all been written,  
So that it is remembered not ruined,  
Do not be lazy to memorize and read,  
For imaan is in the heart and deep-rooted.*

### **Beloved Friday audience,**

The result of learning and clinging upon this '*aqeedah*' had produced a Muslim society that live in harmony, peaceful, and tranquil, that it kept away ideologies and teachings that are astray.

In addition to that, the Muslims within this state were successful in preserving harmony and unity by implementing religious practices of distinguished scholars of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah* since long ago. For



example, the recitation of soorah Ya-Seen and *Tahleel* by the *umaraa'* (leaders) and '*ulamaa'* from the past, have become a common practice within Muslim societies as *da'wah* (calling to Islam) effort and cultivating the Muslim persona in prioritizing the understanding and unity of Muslims. This is the very essence and spirit of affinity, unity of heart, and *ukhuwwah* (brotherhood) based on the practice of the scholars, as mentioned in state fatwa gazetted on the 31<sup>st</sup> of July 2014.

### Dear blessed Muslims,

To end this sermon, let us derive lessons and teachings as guidance in our daily lives:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must preserve the '*aqeedah* taught by the Prophet ﷺ and inherited by his Companions, and later preserved by Imaam Abu Hasan al-Ash'ari and Imaam Abu Mansoor al-Maatureediy.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that Islam is a religion that greatly emphasize on '*aqeedah* that was brought by Rasulullah ﷺ, in changing from misguided belief unto having *imaan* in Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.
3. Efforts in strengthening the '*aqeedah* of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah* according to the *Asha'irah* and *Maatureedi* from the legal perspective is a very significant effort in safeguarding the sanctity of Islam and the unity of the people, and curbing heretical teachings.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ  
وَإِنْ تَطِعَ أَكْثَرُ مَنْ فِي الْأَرْضِ يُضِلُّوكَ عَنْ سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ إِنَّ  
يَتَّبِعُونَ إِلَّا الظَّنَّ وَإِنْ هُمْ إِلَّا يَخْرُصُونَ ﴿١١٦﴾

**“And if you obey most of those upon the earth, they will mislead you from the way of Allah. They follow not except assumption, and they are not but falsifying.”**

(Soorah al-An'aam 6:116)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ  
مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ  
السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ.

أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ  
الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ



## THE SECOND KHUTBAH

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي جَعَلَنَا مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَرَزَقَنَا مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ.  
أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا  
عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ  
وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ. أَمَّا  
بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ! اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ! أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ  
فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ  
وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا ﴿٥٦﴾

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ  
أَجْمَعِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ  
مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، إِنَّكَ سَمِيعٌ قَرِيبٌ مُجِيبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ وَيَا قَاضِيَ  
الْحَاجَاتِ.

اللَّهُمَّ أَصْلِحْ أُمَّةَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَوُلَاةَ أُمُورِهِمْ وَجَمِيعَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعَيْنِ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُونِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعُونَ وَالْهَدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُونِ، تَغْكُو أَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ السُّلْطَانَ شَرَفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَاجِ، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَطْلُ عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِينَ لِلْمَوْظَفِينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرِّشَادِ.

O Allah! We seek refuge in You from severe trials, from being afflicted with calamities, from evil in destiny, and from the joy of the enemies upon the tribulations and misfortunes that befell us. O Allah! We beseech Your protection, from losing the favors that You have bestowed, from the loss of health that You have granted, protect our state from calamity and disaster. O Allah! You are our One and Only Savior, we humbly beg You to save Masjid al-Aqsa in Palestine.

O Allah! Make us among Your slaves that fulfills the *amaanah*. Strengthen our *imaan* so that we avoid treachery, protect us from becoming

among those that neglect their responsibilities, and protect our state and nation from destruction due to bribery, embezzlement, and power abuse. Render the duty to lead our country upon Your slaves whom are trustworthy and honest, as well as firm and courageous in upholding the truth and executing justice according to the *Sharee'ah*. O Allah, make the *masaajid* and *suraus* in the state of Selangor as Your peaceful homes, uniting everyone, and serve as the heart of the *ummah*'s strength.

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا ﴿٧٤﴾  
رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ ﴿٢٠١﴾  
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ  
عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٩٠﴾  
فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوا لَهُ عَلَىٰ نِعْمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ،  
وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا  
تَصْنَعُونَ.